

In The Claims

Please cancel Claims 45 and 56 to 58. Please amend Claims 44, 46, 48, and 49 and add new Claim 59 so the claims read as follows .

44. A food comprising, as a food additive, a mixture of cocoa polyphenols, isolated from cocoa beans as a cocoa extract, which comprises catechin, epicatechin, and procyanidin oligomers thereof.

46. The food of Claim 45, wherein the procyanidin oligomers are selected from the group consisting of dimers through dodecamers.

48. The food of Claim 47, wherein certain cocoa procyanidin fractions are selected and then pooled.

49. The food of Claim 44, wherein the cocoa extract is prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

reducing the cocoa beans to a cocoa powder;

defatting the cocoa powder; and

extracting the cocoa polyphenols from the cocoa powder.

59. The food of Claim 49, wherein the process of reducing the cocoa beans to a cocoa powder comprises the steps of:

freeze drying cocoa beans and pulp;

depulping the freeze dried cocoa mass;

dehulling the freeze dried cocoa beans; and

grinding the dehulled cocoa beans.